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Sir:

Applicants appreciate and would like to thank the Examiner for scheduling an interview in the above matter. Please allow this to confirm our scheduled telephone interview for **March 16 at 10:00 a.m.** It is understood that the interview participants will include the undersigned and Examiner Pradeep Choudary Battula and Supervisory Patent Examiner Dana Ross, at telephone number (571) 272-4480.

Applicants' representative wishes to discuss a proposed amendment to the claims that incorporates the limitations of pending Claim 10 into independent Claims 1 and 21. Also, Applicants' representative wishes to discuss the pending rejection of Claim 10 in the Office Action dated January 14, 2010, and the references cited in the prior art rejections therein, as outlined in the remarks below.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 12-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,808,792 to **Weber** in view of published UK Patent Application No. 2326375 to **Garrard**. Additionally, Claim 5 is rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Weber and Garrard as above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,103,583 to **VanErmen**. While Applicants still traverse these rejections, as discussed at length in the recent Appeal Brief, for the sake of expediting prosecution herein, Applicants' representative wishes to discuss the merits of the pending rejection with regard to Claim 10 and suggests amending the independent claims to adopt those limitations. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the remaining pending claims in a Continuation application.

Weber + Garrard

With regard to Claim 10, the Office Action at page 5 refers to Weber as disclosing a base film provided with perforation therein, citing Fig. 1 of Weber. In short, one would not bind multiple label-like elements, divided by perforations, into the same book, only to later transfer adjacent divided labels to the same opposed sheet in the book. It would defeat the purpose of providing the perforation in the first place.

Weber at Col. 6, lines 28-39 describes the embodiment of Fig. 1 as including multiple "label-like individual elements 17" that are subdivided by the perforations 16. So the reason perforations are provided is to manufacture a plurality of labels from a single sheet of multilayer material. This is why the elements 17 remain connected by the extra carrier foil 1 that is not part

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of the other embodiments. Contrary to the suggestion in the subject Office Action, the perforations 16 are not used to separate the individual elements 17 from the carrier foil, but rather they are used to separate the individual elements 17 from other individual elements 17. Each individual element 17 is separated from the carrier foil 1 by the suitable choice of adhesive used to hold the element 17 to the carrier foil 1.

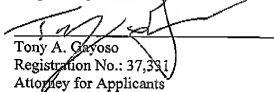
The suggested rationale for combining Weber and Garrard, as used against the base claims 1 and 21, is to bind the transfer foil of Weber into a booklet for securing various amounts of information. Presumably, the suggested combination would stitch or glue the Weber transfer film into a passport, using the same binding or fixing as the book itself. Then the Weber transfer film would presumably be used to cover and seal information on an opposed sheet of the same book. However, the perforations taught by Weber separate adjacent labels. One of ordinary skill would never stitch multiple adjacent labels into the same book. It defeats the purpose of dividing them, if they are simply intended to later be bound to an opposed sheet right next to one another.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the current rejection of the claim 10 and proposes incorporating the limitations of Claim 10 in to both independent claims in order to expedite prosecution herein and place the claims in condition for allowance.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding these amendments or suggestions of a possible further amendment to advance prosecution of this matter toward allowance, such can be discussed with Applicant's attorney during the subject telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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